Commencement Exercises.

The graduating exercises of the grammar class of our public school occurred last Wednesday afternoon at Longwell's opera house. The attendance was law. opera house. The attendance was large. The program was interesting, and the eighteen graduates who participated in its rendition demonstrated that their training had been of the nature which produces scholars—all acquitting themselves with distinction. Miss Hinckley, teacher of this department, is to be con-

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At a business meeting of the alumni the following officers were elected:

President—R. W. Broughton.

Ist Vice Pres't—Bert P. Bryar.

2nd Vice Pres't—Mrs. Cynthia Bassett. ished," occupied a prominent place. Fleecy laces, rare flowers, soft and yielding carpets and luxurious rugs, disposed by skilful hands guided by a delicately refined taste, combined to make a fitting frame for the picture presented to the admiring gaze of the thousand or more spectators.

script (to which she seldom referred) lightly in her left hand, and commenced her essay. She spoke slowly, deliberately, distinctly, and in a tone of voice to be easily heard in the remotest part of the room. Indeed, the same may be said of each member of the class—a notable and important departure from the usual key of voice adopted by young persons in reading or speaking in public. Miss Dillon compared the apparent course of the sun with the life journey of nations or individuals. voice to be easily heard in the remotest

the apparent course of the sun with the life journey of nations or individuals. No matter to what height either might attain, the decline and setting must come, but it was largely in the power of either to make the setting a glorious or a gloomy one. "Nothing is immutable but the Creator and His laws."

"A Tour to Mars" was the theme selected by Miss Vern Van Fossen—a weird, fanciful, visionary theme, to be sure, but it was manipulated in a manner which demonstrated this young lady's talent for executing realistic pen pictures. As "truth is stranger than fiction," so fiction is more difficult of portrayal than demonstrated truths or theoretical probabilities. But Miss Van Fossen made her tour to Mars a pleasing feature of the evening, notwithstanding the fact that her rendering was made difficult and painful by an accidentally seared throat.

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"The Race Question" was selected by Miss Melissa Graine (the first and only colored person graduating from our schools) and she handled the topic with a master's hand. The only possible so-lution to the problem is in the educa-tion of her race. She acknowledged no natural inferiority, and cited many instances where, under adverse circum stances and surroundings, individual of her color had attained eminence in various avocations which refuted the claim of many that her color was but the brand of inferiority. The essayis spoke without notes and at times be came so cowrapped in her theme that she seemed to lose sight of her presen surroundings and soared away in a pas sionate burst of eloquence which found its zenith in a wail of anguish for her ill-treated people. But the day is not far distant, she believes, when the only difference that will exist between th races will be in the hue of their skin Miss Graine's deportment on the stage was easy, graceful, lady-like, and she left a most favorable impression with

"Hidden Hands" was the title of Miss Lena Snow's topic, and its treatment evidenced careful study, patient re-search and much well-directed thought. The "hidden hands" of nature are con-stantly at work, changing the contour of the face of the earth, the course of rivers, ocean bounderies, etc. "Hidden hands" control the destinies of nations and individuals—for good or ill according as their aspirations are pure or otherwise. The work of the "Hidden Hand" of God is everywhere visible.

Represented molding, fashioning, directing in all things according to His divine will. Like Miss Graine, Miss Snow spoke without notes, and like her every sylla-ble was so clearly cut and so distinctly

articulated that not a word was lost.

A perfect deluge of flowers and many books were presented to each of the graduates by admiring friends, and no trace of favoritism was discernable in

any quarter. Hearty applause greeted each essayist on the conclusion of her theme, and the same mark of approval was awarded Miss Edith M. White and Miss Sadie Whitman on the rendition of beautiful vocal selections, and Miss Belle Cook and Mrs. Ida Hudson in an intricate

An orchestra of five pieces from Kal-amazoo discoursed some fine music at intervals during the exercises.

Prof. Roberts, in a few well chosen words, thanked the officers and patrons of the school for the manner in which they had supported and upheld him in his administration, and said a feeling "good-bye" to the class, after which Dr. Maynard presented the diplomas. Rev. Clizbe then dismissed the congregation with a benediction.

ALUMNI REUNION.

The annual meeting of the alumni of the high school occurred on Friday evening, the literary part of the program being held at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Broughton. About half past eight the president, Mr. Loren Curtiss, called the assembly to order and delivered the customary adversary and the control of the customary and the control of the customary and dress. In the absence of the essayist,
Judge Heckert was called upon, and
made a few well chosen, stirring remarks, after which the orator of the
evening, David Dillon, gave a fine address upon "The Effect of Mental CulGoods and Low Prices. ture on National Prosperity."

The exercises were interspersed with

instrumental and vocal music by Mesdames Hudson, Bassett and Goodman, and Misses Harrison, Ruggles and Wil-

At ten o'clock the procession formed, two by two, and marched to the Dyck-man House. The dining room was beautifully draped and decorated with the class colors of '91—their motto oc-

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The class of '91 comprised only fourall ladies: Miss Lena V. Snow, Miss Vern Van Fossen, Miss Melissa Graine and Miss Rose Dillon.

"Sunrise and Sunset" was the title of Miss Dillon's theme. She advanced to the foot of the stage holding her manuscript (to which she seldom referred) lightly in holding her seldom referred.

As we went to press last week the Covert fish pilferers were awaiting sentence in the circuit court. Wm. Sternaman and the two Van Ockers were sent to the state prison at Jackson for nine months each. Ira Cherryholmes was fined \$200 or six months in

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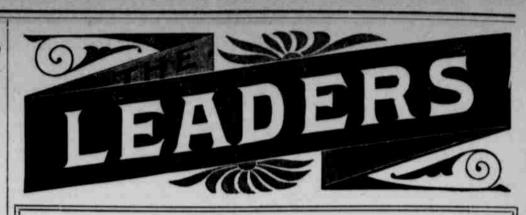
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